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EDIC Activities - December 1957

A. New Projects

EDIC did not initiate any new projects during December 1957.

B. Disposition of Pending Projects

No EDIC projects have been completed during the past month. Since a number of the projects still carried as pending were levied as long as 2½ years ago, they may no longer be pertinent to current problems. Accordingly it is suggested that the EDIC membership be advised that unless a specific need exists for the completion of:

EDIC Case No. 6 - Information on Firms
Reportedly Purchasing and Operating
Ships for Communist China,

EDIC Case No. 7 - Export of Ortho-Toluidine
to Communist China,

and

EDIC Case No. 10 - Pattern of Soviet Bloc
Strategic Exports to the West,

these cases be considered closed.

Responsibility for:

EDIC Case No. 13 - Possible Soviet Bloc
Use of Magnesium as Fuel,

EDIC Case No. 15 - Soviet Bloc Position
and Use of Perchloric Acid and
Perchlorates of Sodium,

and

EDIC Case No. 16 - Soviet Bloc Attempts to
Procure Colloxylin,

rests with the EDIC Working Group on Propellants and Fuel Additives.

This Working Group has not as yet been able to develop sufficient information on any of the above cases to write a meaningful report. It may be desirable to issue an interim statement on these cases to that effect, indicating at the same time that the subject matter remains under study.

A brief summary of the information to be developed for:

EDIC CASE No. 18 - Strategic Importance of
Aluminum and its Source Materials (including
Bauxite),

and

EDIC Case No. 24 - Sino-Soviet Bloc
Purchases of International List I
Nickel,

has already been provided in the general context of MP 186. Further work on these cases is in progress and should be completed within the next 6 weeks to 2 months.

C. Administration

The Office of Security has been requested to grant continuous clearance to EDIC members for the purpose of attending meetings of EDIC and its sub-groups. In this connection, all EDIC members have been asked to furnish the secretariat with up-to-date confirmation of their TOP SECRET security clearance. Thus far all but six of the EDIC members have complied with this request, and applications for their continuous clearance are now in process.


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